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APPENDIX V.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 224 asked by Sri K. Sattanatha Karayalar at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 28th April 1959, page 528 supra.]

The Government have appointed a Special Officer for Weights and Measures to make necessary arrangements for the change over to the metric system of Weights and Measures. They have enacted the Madras Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Act, 1958, which provides for the enforcement of the metric system in this State. Rules under the Act have also been issued. The provisions of the Act have been brought into force in the four districts of Madras, Chingleput, South Arcot and North Arcot in so far as they relate to units of mass. The Special Officer has been appointed as the Controller of Weights and Measures for the State of Madras. Five Inspectors of Weights and Measures have also been appointed in the four districts, two for Madras and one each for the remaining three districts. A State Publicity Advisory Committee has been constituted by the Government to advise the Government on matters relating to the publicity to be given for the new system. The members of the Committee consist purely of officials in the Madras City. Seven Special Deputy Tahsildars have been appointed, one for the Madras City and two each for the remaining three districts for attending to the metric system publicity work. Heads of Departments under the Government have been instructed to adopt the metric system in the purchase and supply of stores and thus set an example to others. Arrangements have been made to manufacture metric weights in the Government Public Works Workshops. A Metric System Publicity Week was celebrated from 22nd to 28th February 1959 in the four selected districts in order to give intensive publicity to the metric system of weights. During the Publicity Week, special steps were taken by the Special Officer in collaboration with the district officers to make the general public conversant with the new system.

APPENDIX VI.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 225 asked by Sri K. Sattanatha Karayalar at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 28th April 1959, page 528 supra.]

The following are the rules for the recognition of Unions of industrial employees in the public sector :—

1. The Government are prepared to accord official recognition to associations of their industrial employees. The grant and continuance of recognition rest in the discretion of Government